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AND NINETEEN

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1. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN(A): ACTIVITIES OF FOUR- MAN PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION UNIT IN SECRETARIAT WERE LIMITED TO ADVISORY
SERVICES AND STUDY TEAMS WORKING IN SIR LANKA, NEPAL, BHUTAN
MISSION IN NEW DELHI, THAILAND AND COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL
UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (IULA). USDEL NEED MAKE NO
COMMENT ON THESE BILATERAL PROJECTS WHICH ARE NOT FULLY COVERED
IN SECRETARIAT- PREPARED PLENARY DOCUMENTS.

2. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN(B): ASIAN CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT ADMINIS-
TRATION (ACDA): DURING PAST THREE YEARS WE MAINTAINED LOW PROFILE
IN ALL DISCUSSION REGARDING ACDA BECAUSE IT WAS FELT US SHOULD NOT
COMMIT FUNDS AND THAT THIS ORGANIZATION MIGHT DUPLICATE MANY
TRAINING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (AIEDP). NOW THAT ACDA IS SCHEDULED
COMMENCE OPERATIONS DURING 1973 IN KUALA LUMPUR, USDEL SHOULD
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PARTICIPATE IN VOTING FOR SIX MEMBERS OF GOVERNING COUNCIL, AND RESPOND TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S PLEA FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT (SEE PAGE ELEVEN, E/ CN.11/1080 PARA FORTY) AT HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING. USDEL SHOULD ALSO COMMENT ON PLAN OF OPERATIONS, TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM, RECRUITMENT OF CORE STAFF AND OTHER REPORTS WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED TO PLENARY SESSION EITHER BY NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR (WHO WILL BE FROM CEYLON) OR BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. RECOMMEND THAT USDEL INDICATE THAT ABSENCE OF TIMELY AND SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON PROGRAM OF WORK, ORGANIZATION, FINANCING AND COMPOSITION OF STAFF OF ACDA MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO DISCUSS COMMITMENTS AT 29 TH PLENARY. WE SHOULD RAISE QUESTION AS TO WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY ACDA TO INSURE CLOSE COOPERATION WITH AND COORDINATION OF TRAINING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITH AIEDP. USDEL SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF MAKING DIRECTOR OF EACH OF TWO ORGANIZATIONS EX OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BOARDS. WE SHOULD EXPRESS CONCERN OVER PRESENT AREAS OF ACDA OVERLAPPING OF AIEDP FUNCTIONS AS INDICATED IN E/ CN.11/1080 PARA TWENTY- EIGHT PAGE EIGHT, PARA THIRTY(II) AND (III), PARA THIRTY- FOUR AND PARA THIRTY- SIX. ALSO USDEL SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WITH PRESENT DEARTH OF QUALIFIED EXPERTS IN FIELD PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WITHIN REGION, PARA FORTY-TWO PROPOSAL TO HAVE ACDA RECRUIT STAFF FROM EXISTING ASIAN CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE WOULD BE COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE. US COULD MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO NEW ACDA AND GREATLY ASSIST ECAFE MEMBER COUNTRIES BY MAKING AVAILABLE ON TEMPORARY BASIS APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTORS TO CONDUCT ACDA SEMINARS ON IMPROVING TAX STRUCTURES OF DEVELOPING NATIONS, SIMILAR TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED BY TREASURY IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN(C): TO DATE EMBASSY RECEIVED ONLY THREE NOMINATIONS FOR ACDA GOVERNING COUNCIL, I. E., KOREA, YONG NAE KIM; INDONESIA, DR. AWALOEDIN DJAMIN; INDIA, B. P. BAGCHI. UNDERSTAND THAT CANDIDATES ALSO BEING FIELDIED BY IRAN (MOHAMMED ALI TOUSSI), JAPAN (SABURO OKITA), MALAYSIA (PROF. ASSIZ), PHILIPPINES (DEAN CARLO RAMOS), RVN (PHON MON DUNG), AND THAILAND (MALAI UNANDARA, DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR). WE WILL FORWARD COMPLETE LIST OF CANDIDATES TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM SECRETARIAT WITH INFO COPIES TO US MISSIONS CONCERNED.

4. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN(A): TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY TEAM (UNDAT); WE SHOULD COMMEND EXSEC FOR QUICK IMPLEMENTATION OF UNGA RESOLUTION 2563(XXIV) BY HOLDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRST UNDAT MEETING IN SOUTH PACIFIC DURING SEPTEMBER 1972. WE DO NOT KNOW IF ANY US DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS (TTPI) CAN ASSIST UNDAT AND CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS; IF EXISTING US PROGRAMS CAN ACT AS EXAMPLES TO OTHER ECAFE MEMBERS, RECOMMEND USDEL INDICATE US WILLINGNESS TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS. ALSO RECOMMEND USDEL INDICATE INTEREST OF TTPI TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN UNDAT FUTURE MEETINGS.

5. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN(B): TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DECETRALIZECAT GIBNOFE: NO US STATEMENT NEEDED ON UNDP PROGRAM IN IVEW OF US PARTICIPATION ON DELIBERATIONS OF GOVERNING CONCIL WHICH ALLOCATES FUNDS AT HEADQUARTERS LEVEL. REPORTS ON UNDP SUPPORTED PROJECTS ARE GIVEN UNDER AGENDA ITEMS SEVEN; TEN(A)(I), (III), (IV), (E); ELEVEN (II); SIXTEEN. DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE ECAFE REPORTS GIVING INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES OF UNDP, WHO, UN OFFICE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION, ECAFE PROGRAM FOR REGIONAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR TRAINING TRAINERS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES DE-CENTRALIZED TO ECAFE. PLEASE NOTE SECTION ON BILATERAL ASSISTANCE ON PAGE THREE OF DCUMENT E/ CN.11/ L.354, DEALING WITH NETHERLANDS AND GERMAN FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS OF LONG- TERM EXTRA- BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE TO ECAFE. NETHERLANDS HAVE OFFERED \$3 MILLION FOR 1972-75 PERIOD, NOT COUNTING \$560,000 RECENTLY PLEDGED FOR MEKONG AND ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS, E. G., ASI. NEEDLESS TO SAY THE NETHERLANDS' STOCK IN ECAFE IS VERY HIGH THESE DAYS, WHEREAS US INFLUENCE IS DIMINISHED BY OUR INABILITY TO GIVE MORE THAN MINIMAL TOKEN SUPPORT TO ECAFE, AND OUR RELUCTANCE TO PROVIDE EXPERT ADVISERS ON NON- REIMBURSEABLE BASIS FOR SUCH PROJECTS AS A REGIONAL DREDGING ADVISORY TEAM, A ROVING MISSION ON CONTAINERLIZATION AND A PANEL OF EXPERTS ON TRADE PROMOTION. UNGER

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